agents, and where they are to abolitionize the
Union of Illinois Michigan or Pen. is to
be of the stamp the type we have a duty to
perform as Members of the National Society. Is it
properly discharged by giving this inconsistent
committee the command of money enough to command
to distort the abolition present & to come of Illinois
Eo as it has attempted to do that of Mass? Were
we called to get for Mass. only? we might
pay them to stay away from that State. But we
are also a constituent part of the National Society; & it is not selfish
of us to cast on other States a burdensome execution
Committee that we ourselves will not bear? Our
for the Country
best course is to keep them where they are
with as little means of doing mischief as they
can be induced to remain upon. They are
like the rats on board ship — & must be
fed that they may not gnaw holes in the
bottom — destroy the water-casks & or fly
at the throats of the crew. Doubt not that
in future & think they will complete the process
of Rattin'; by leaving the ship if they cannot
drive us out of it. Conway I learn
also that the designs of the Ex. Com have been
laboring to sow the idea that because the
Mass Soc. has not denied that women are persons,
it therefore introduces the "woman question."
I cannot but hope that the whole Mass Del.
gation will see clearly that neither they nor any
other persons have authority to present Women

Since they are persons, from [illegible] the duties
incumbent by the Constitution of the Am. Asc. to membership
If a word is said about Womans rights &c.
hope the party attempting it will be called to order
this being not the question of Woman's rights &c.
but Members rights — persons rights.

Engraved by P. Reason,
A Colored Young Man of the City of New York. 1835.

One thing ought to be ascertained. Is the
Meeting competent to decide who shall vote?
If the whole delegation was composed of
Colored Women under 21, could the
National Society competent to make
Rules for the Rhode Island Society not inconsistent with
the Constitution

Lucretia Mott
Apr. 30, 1839
Lowell

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received by the Boston Society from the Taunton, last
summer, also a request in general terms that they would render their
assistance. It was signed by the Secretary in behalf of the Society. This
is all I can ascertain about it. As to our prospects for the Fair. I can
say nothing new. The Lady who pledged me 5.00 declines paying it be-
cause she has become convinced that Fairs are wrong. but we hope for
the best. Mrs. Bird thinks that Foxboro', if not alone, with the aid
of Mansfield, might get up a table. Perhaps you have written them.
Mrs. John Carey, & Miss Catharine Rhodes would probably be active.
Mrs. Bird wishes me to say to you, that she has obtained a subscriber
for the "Cradle." & wishes it sent to Alpheus Bird. Foxborough.
We look for much good to result from Mr. Garrison's visit. we regret
that his stay should be so short. also that we must be deprived the
pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Garrison. Notices of this Lecture are
sent to every church, & read at all but the Episcopal. We do feel enc-
aged; & hope he will do much for us. Neither Sun. nor "Iron Resistant"
have been received, with the "Cradle" or Yours ever, for truth & freedom. L. Wilmarth
by mail.